

OSEU Review Team Work

Days 3 & 4

Day three of the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings Review Team's work began with a blessing from Elder Duane Hollow Horn Bear. The team spent some time reviewing the Key Ideas that were identified during the first gathering as well as the objectives for the whole project (as there were 2 new members in the group). Then each member reviewed the full revised understandings, extended descriptions and songs document, making notes for additional needed revisions. After lunch, the full team divided into seven smaller groups to go through the "Indicators to Standards" process by which the team reworded the 2012 "Indicators" into Standards. Teams recorded the "New Standards" onto a singular google doc and we reviewed the changes together.

On day four, after Mr. Hollow Horn Bear's prayer, new teams were formed and to begin the work of developing lists of "Differentiated Approaches to Instruction" for each new standard from the original 2012 "Standards and Activities" lists. The teams spent the entirety of the morning on this task. After a lunch break, we reviewed some various approaches to formatting and discussed the original photos included in the 2012 document. Most agreed that the historic pictures were great, but more contemporary photos should be added to communicate both the historic and contemporary realities of the Oceti Sakowin. Table groups turned in recommendations for formatting of the final document via a google doc.

Meetings that follow the standards revision process include, but are not limited to, the lesson development meeting, the Indian Ed Summit and the "Roll Out" of the revised OSEU and Standards. Members agreed to continue reviewing drafts by email as they are made available.